

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 22, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 41, 1/18/2007; SB 221, 1/18/2007  
Executive Action: SB 24

00:00:00 Chairman Lind

**HEARING ON HB 41**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:40 **REP. SHANNON AUGARE (D), HD 16**, opened the hearing on **HB 41**, Energy conservation and assistance funds for low-income persons.

**Proponents:**

00:02:40 Jim Nolan, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:04:59 Jim Morton, Public Human Resource Council

00:05:52 Rachel Habernam, Energy Share

00:07:09 Mike Brushett, Northwest Energy Company

00:07:53 Mary McCue, Association of RHDC

00:08:43 Roger Thompson, Volunteer Advocate for LEAP

**EXHIBIT (nas14a01)**

00:10:10 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:10:51 Dedra Henderson, Student at University of Montana

00:12:29 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:51 Sen. Kaufmann to Jim Nolan, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:37 Rep. Augare

**Discussion:**

00:15:00 Sen. Kaufmann

**HEARING ON SB 221**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:41 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on **SB 221**, Generally revise laws relating to Board of Environmental Review.

**EXHIBIT (nas14a02)**

**Proponents:**

00:20:35 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

00:21:11 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:23:33 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:23:48 Jerome Anderson, Attorney, Encore Acquisition Company

00:24:38 Mike Murphy, Montana Petroleum and Water Resource Association

00:25:14 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

00:26:09 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America Services Company

00:26:35 Tom Ebzery, Nance Petroleum Corporation

00:27:18 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc.

00:30:39 Don Allen, Western Environment Trade Association (WETA)

00:32:16 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents:**

00:32:37 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:37:32 Julia Paige, Montana Resource Council

00:39:03 David Scrimm, Self

00:41:45 Bob Clark, Montana Sierra Club

00:42:21 Robin Schropshire, Hydrologist

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:16 Sen. Tash to Anne Hedges, MEIC

00:45:36 Sen. Wanzenried to Robin Schropshire, Hydrologist

00:47:45 Sen. Tash to Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:48:36 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Bales

00:51:26 Sen. Gebhardt to Anne Hedges, MEIC

00:52:56 Sen. Gebhardt to Robin Schropshire, Hydrologist

00:54:14 Sen. Perry to Sen. Bales

00:57:05 Sen. Lind to Sen. Bales

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:12 Sen. Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24**

01:08:14 **Motion:** SEN. KAUFMANN moved that SB 24 DO PASS.

**EXHIBIT**(nas14a03)

**Discussion:**

01:08:30 Sen. Kaufmann

01:09:36 Sen. Tash

01:12:11 Sen. Gebhardt

01:13:59 Sen. Perry

01:15:37 Sen. Curtiss

01:16:18 Sen. Lind

01:17:03 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT made a  
substitute motion that SB 24 BE TABLED. Substitute

**motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. KAUFMANN  
voting no.**

**Discussion:**

01:18:17 Sen. Wanzenried

01:19:21 Sen. Gebhardt

01:20:45 Sen. Kaufmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([nas14aad.pdf](#))**